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Art Unit	1631
Examiner Name	Borin, M.
Attorney Docket Number	25812-5-CIP

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND AMENDMENT C**

Dear Sir:

Applicant files the present Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This RCE addresses the issues raised in the Advisory Action dated July 8, 2003 issued in connection with the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, if the prosecution of the application is closed, an applicant may request continued examination of an application by filing a submission and the fee set forth

in 1.17(e) prior to the abandonment of the application. An amendment is a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). The fee and an information disclosure statement is also submitted herewith.

The Examiner set a period to reply to the Advisory Action to expire on the later of the mailing date of the Advisory Action or the date set forth in the final rejection. Applicant has submitted a request for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to the final Office Action to August 14, 2003. Accordingly, this submission, filed within four months of the mailing date of the final Office Action, is timely filed. Please amend the instant application as follows: